(b) if so, what are the trade-areas discussed with the representatives of Bofors stating the agreement, if any, arrived at the discussion and how far the counter-trade deal with Bofors has proved to be beneficial to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) A 2-member delegation of Bofors visited India between 21st and 28th January, 1988 to review the progress of implementation of MOU with STC. The discussions covered operational modalities for implementation of MOU between STC and Bofors. In terms of the MOU, contracts for Rs. 17.89 crores of exports of Indian goods have been concluded and exports worth Rs. 6.19 crores have been made till 15th February, 1988. The implementation of the MOU is reviewed on quarterly basis and it is expected that exports of Indian goods under this deal would increase.

Foreign religious mission operating in India

843. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign religious missions are at present working in the country;

(b) what amount of money is invested by these missions annually in India for their works;

(c) whether Government prepare or collect reports on their activities;

(d) whether there is some adverse reports against some such agencies; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Exact number is not available.

(b) to (e) Donor wise information is not kept for action under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Action is taken under various other legal provisions, whenever there are adverse reports against members of such agencies.

Cleaning of Ganga at Allahabad

844. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state what are the plans for cleaning the Ganga in view of the ensuing Kumbha Mela in Allahabad and by what time the plans are likely to be executed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) 15 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.92 crores have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan for prevention of pollution of the river Ganga at Allahabad. These schemes provide for interception and diversion of sewage, construction and renovation of pumping plants, low cost sanitation and for improvement of public facilities on the river front.

In the context of the ensuing Kumbh at Allahabad, steps have been taken to ensure that schemes for interception and diversion of waste water presently being discharged near the Sangam points are completed before the Kumbh.

Increase in Indo-US trade

845. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have straightened many snags in trade with the U.S. as a result of which Indo-US trade is likely to go up by 58 per cent; and